

Halloween creates pumpkin carvings and contests for everyone

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Pumpkin carving is a Halloween tradition that will never be a bore; and a great way to spend quality time with your friends and family. Whether it's a simple jack-o-lantern or a full-fledged pumpkin statue, it's all the same fun.

Many people are even willing to put their carving skills to the test. Pumpkin carving contests are slowly gaining popularity among people who love to carve intricate patterns and faces on pumpkins every year. Places like campgrounds and small businesses hold these contests to attract more people around Halloween time and give away awesome prizes.

Or maybe all you win is a ribbon and a coupon! It's all the fun of carving pumpkins. Some people could argue that the best part of pumpkin carving is that you can put whatever you want on your pumpkin. A face, an animal, people, houses, or anything to do with Halloween is just a small list of things you often see on pumpkins at people's houses during October.

So much goes into pumpkin carving if you want to compete in contests too. If a person wants to win they have to make sure they not

only have a decent pumpkin, but also make sure it is the exact size they will need.

Other things like your carving utensils, knowing what you are going to carve, how fast you can make your carving, and is it going to work on the pumpkin you have are some more things that go into pumpkin carving.

Even if you are not into the contests, or even pumpkin carving in general it is still a great opportunity to spend time with your family. And finding recipes to try with all of the pumpkin seeds you end up with are always a delicious way to use the seeds.

On the night of Halloween carved pumpkins are also a nice decoration that trick or treaters and their parents enjoy looking at. Kids fascination with jack-o-lanterns will never fade so something as easy as a smile and some eyes are really all your pumpkin needs. And nobody can forget to put the little tea light candles in their pumpkin to light its face up.

Jack-o-lanterns are not the same without a tea light candle. The candle makes the pumpkin seem more lively and spooky. A carved pumpkin with no light glowing up its face just isn't the Halloween spirit.



Ride warriors take on Cedar Point's haunted Halloweekends

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It's October again ride warriors, and you know what that means. Cedar Point is hosting their yearly month of Halloweekends. The terrifying event begins Friday, October 4th and runs all the way until Sunday, October 27th. The park is inviting people of all ages to get their own taste of halloweekends, for ticket prices that range from \$40.00 to \$50.00 dollars.

For those who are looking to be scared in more ways than one Cedar Point has kept open their most thrilling of rides. The most popular being, the Millenium Force, the Maverick, the Top Thrill Dragster, The Gatekeeper, The Raptor, The Mantis, and The Wicked Twister. If the thrill of these rides isn't enough there will be monsters and appalling creatures creeping, stalking, and watching you make your every move. The park is also stocked with haunted mazes, haunted houses and spooky shows. As you're walking the park you must watch where

you step, you wouldn't want to enter a scare zone on accident. These are areas of the park that are there to do exactly what you would think. They are strictly there to scare you.

Halloweekends also has attractions for young children. The park offers kiddy rides, happy halloween shows, characters, costume contests, and face paintings. This area of the park gives no reason to be scared, there are no creepy monsters lurking around this part of the park. This area can be found in and around Snoopy Land. This section of the event keeps the little ones happy, entertained, and scare free.

According to some online reviews of Halloweekend customers, the event gives you a lot of scare and fun for your money. Several mothers who left reviews were in credibly happy that there was lots of things to do for both their teenagers, and their young kids. Others stated that even though Halloweekend monsters are there to scare you the environment still felt very safe. The only major

complaint I found in my research was that there were several lengthy lines for the rides, which is expected at such a large event that happens for only a short period of time.

"It was a ton of fun but it was actually a lot scarier than I thought it would be," junior, Taylor Phillips said.

Junior, Zoey Berghoff seemed to feel the same way, explaining that she truly enjoyed the event as well.

"It was scarier than what I expected it to be, but because it was so different I think I liked it better than normal Cedar Point."

Cedar Point's annual Halloweekends seem to have the right amount of scare, thrill, and fun for people of all ages. This event is running through the entire month of October and is just waiting for you to come experience it. Can ride warriors overcome the thrill of the rides with terrifying monsters stalking their every move? Ask your parents, gather your friends and take a road trip to Cedar Point to decide for yourself. You're guaranteed a day of terrifying thrills and incredible fun.

MOST POPULAR LOCAL HAUNTED ATTRACTIONS

Terrorified Forest

Friday- Saturday 8pm-12 pm
Monday – Thursday 8pm- 11 pm

Manor \$9.00
Forest \$18.00
Combo \$25.00

145 Swarthout Road
Pinckney, Mi. 48169

Bestmaze corn maze

Fridays 6pm-10pm
Saturday 1pm-10pm
Sundays 1pm-9pm

\$8.00 person
Groups of four to ten \$7.00 each
Children under 4 free
3803 Noble Rd, Williams48895

Erebus

Monday – Thursday 7pm-11pm
Friday 6pm – 1am
Sunday 6pm -11pm

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The dawning of common candy

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On October 31st, just as the sun begins to set, children fill the streets dressed from pink princesses to gory goblins.

Whether one is a trick-or-treater or not, chances are All Hallow's Eve causes complete indulgence in today's favorite candies. When grabbing a few Sour Skittles, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, or even an Airhead, remember that most candies you know and love today weren't always found in the average Jack-O-Lantern bucket or even a festive bowl at the annual costume party.

In the 1940s and 1950s, coins, fruit, cookies, cakes, and toys were more likely given out than candy. By the 50s, trick-or-treating was a tradition millions of children were apart of. Parents would send their children out by themselves to travel house-to-house collecting sweets that were typically homemade.

The 1960s and 1970s brought big changes to the Halloween scene. More parents grew concerned of the cleanliness and safety of homemade treats as well as sending their children out alone without parental supervision. By 1970, homemade handouts such as baked goods or fruit became extinct.

Since then, commercial candy was the only way to go. Candy companies reaped the benefits.

"Twix candy bars were always my favorite candy to get when I was a cute little trick-or-treater," senior Devin Neumann said.

Nowadays, most candy given out during Halloween is served in miniatures, or more popularly known as, "fun size". Generations earlier in the 60s, received full size candy bars.

"My favorite candy is Take Five, and I stopped trick-or-treating at around age 12 I think. My wife and I are now known as the old people in the neighborhood who give out full size candy bars," teacher Mike Messmore said.

According to www.theatlantic.com, Americans spend an estimated \$2 billion on candy during the Halloween season. It's hard to imagine that something as simple as the original candy, honey covered fruits and nuts, has evolved into a \$2 billion corporation.

A problem that often comes to parents' minds is the health issues associated with sugar consumption. Organic candy is slowly moving into children's pillowcases or trusty Frankenstein buckets as they venture through their neighborhoods. More families eat organically today than ever before. Perhaps this is where the candy industry is moving.

Candy, costumes, and decorations will always change, but sweet tooth's will forever remain. The joy of Halloween candy will travel to generations for years to come.

Fantastic fall foods

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Autumn is here and along with it comes with lots of tasty drinks and snacks. Pumpkin spiced lattes are among some of the most popular drinks for the fall along with fresh apple cider.

"It tastes like a chai tea latte with pumpkin in it," junior Zoey Berghoff said.

The presentation is a big part of experiencing the pumpkin spice latte.

The burnt orange shade drink is topped with a generous portion of whipped cream and a dash of cinnamon and nutmeg. The drink is very rich and very thick. Some advice would be to stay away from the large, or if at Starbucks, the Venti. You probably won't be able to finish it. I ordered a large at The Laundry, a very popular breakfast and lunch

restaurant in downtown Fenton and I couldn't finish it.

When you take the first sip you are delightfully greeted with an espresso blended with the unmistakable spices of fall; cinnamon, nutmeg, and clove, all mixed with some smooth steamed milk. Starbucks is the most popular place to get and PSL and this year is the ten-year anniversary for the fall drink.

Another great drink in the fall is fresh apple cider. The favorite place to get it among BHS students is Spicer's Apple Orchard, an apple orchard in Fenton. When you go there, you don't only go there for the cider. You go for the experience. You can get lost in a corn maze, press your own cider, pick your own apples and get pumpkins to carve. It is such a fun place to go in the fall and everyone there is always happy.

Both the PSL and Apple Cider

go great with oatmeal cookies. Oatmeal cookies are also a big hit during the fall. Many BHS students will go to places like Panera Bread, or the locally owned bakery, Kathleen's Cookies. Kathleen's has amazing cookies ranging from oatmeal raisin to "The Tuxedo", one of the signature cookies sold there. You may be paying a little bit more for Kathleen's but it is well worth it. It helps out a local business and the cookies are out of this world.

The oatmeal cookies are crispy on the outside and soft and delicious on the inside.

A perfect combination in my opinion. If you have not tried a Pumpkin spice latte or Kathleen's Oatmeal cookie yet, I highly recommend you go out and pick some up. Either treat will be sure to please your taste buds.

Most popular local cider mills

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Cider mills are a fall favorite. There are plenty of tasty treats for the entire family and everyone can have fun. There's an abundance of cider mills and apple orchards in south east Michigan for everyone to visit, that are loaded with events and activities for all ages.

Spicers is a very popular cider mill located in Fenton. They offer apple cider, donuts and hay rides. Spicer's also has a small petting farm. You can also go on wagon and pony rides, along with picking apples. Spicer's is located at 10411 Clyde Road, Fenton. Spicer's also sells homemade donuts. There are so many more cider mills and apple orchards for people to enjoy.

Westview Orchards & Adventure farm in Romeo on 65075 Van Dyke at 30 mile Road, Romeo. Open from 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. 7 days a week from August to March. Westview Orchards cider allows you to wonder their 188-acre orchard. You can pick apples, peaches, pears, plums & more

Witte Orchards & Farm Market on 3426 North Michigan road, Dimondale. Open September through November: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and only closed on Sunday and Mondays. Here you can buy apple cider, homemade donuts, farm fresh meats, fruits, vegetables, jellies and more.

Grainger's Orchard on 2588 Pinckney road, Howell. Grainger's was founded in the 1950's and is still family owned so clearly there is ded-

ication to their well-rounded business. There open from 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., 7 days a week and offer so many great homemade treats like caramel apples.

Franklin Cider Mill on 7450 Franklin Road (corner of 14 mile road), Franklin. Open from September through November 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Franklin Cider Mill has been water powered since 1832! this nearly 2 century cider mill has hot donuts, 12 different kinds of apples and cider made daily

Kilverman's Christmas Cove Farm on 11573 North Kilcherman Road, Northport. Open September 13th through November 15th from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cider is made from vintage apples here and take a look at Michigan's largest pop bottle collection.

Top 5 horror movies to watch this Halloween

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For many students at Brighton Area Schools and abroad, there are few things better than friends, late nights, ridiculously large bowls of popcorn, and horror flicks. These four things come together like peanut butter and jelly; they're a teenager's guiltless pleasure. Now it's pretty plain as to what's so great about friends, late nights, and popcorn, but finding the perfect scary movies can be a little tricky. So here's our list of haunting horror films to see and re-see this Halloween season.

First is *The Exorcist*, an eternally prime example of a good supernatural movie. Linda Blair's performance as the young and tormented Regan MacNeil is powerful and haunting. Even in 2013, the movie has a kind of timeless resonance. If you haven't yet, do yourself some good and see it. And if you have, you'll understand why it's necessary to do so again and again and again.

Next up is *Halloween*, the 1978 supernatural slasher film gets our vote for actor Tony Moran's ability to look so extremely unattached with the people he kills. His character plain and simple doesn't care and in that we find a villain who is evil and only evil, and it's a scream to watch. Also, you can't go wrong with a young Jamie Lee Curtis.

Our third favorite horror movie on the list is the 1980 film adaptation of Stephen King's classic, *The Shining*. There's so much to be scared by in this movie and when it all comes together as the hodge-podge horrifying mess that it is, you're left not

only shaking in your boots, but also hurting by the transformation from Jack Nicholson's loving husband, to homicidal mad-man. Though disregarded in its time, the movie has gone on to becoming a classic with countless iconic moments ("Heeeeeere's Johnny!"). Don't miss this one.

Fourth on our list is 2007's *Paranormal Activity*, which used the low-budget quality to its advantage, making one of the most suspenseful movies of, debatably, all time. Everything about this first installment in an otherwise unfortunately tired series feels so real. And director/writer Oren Peli makes a greatly terrifying smash hit with his debut.

The fifth and final movie on our list is 1979's *Alien*, a movie that proved early on that scary movies can be more than wild, but they can be smart, too. This film paved the path for the sci-fi, horror films we see so much of today, and debatably has even still managed to do it better than the rest. The movie plays out early on as something of a study of all kinds; on people, society, science. It isn't until the second act that we realize just how dark things can turn for our leads, and it does get dark. But the horror really comes out of how well thought out this film is, everything seems as though it isn't all that far-fetched, and in that, director Ridley Scott creates a truly horrifying film.

And there it is: our top 5 horror movies to makes sure you catch around Halloween this year. Be sure you have a strong stomach for the gruesome films and watch all with caution.